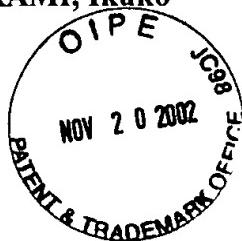


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements of Application dated **September 27, 2002**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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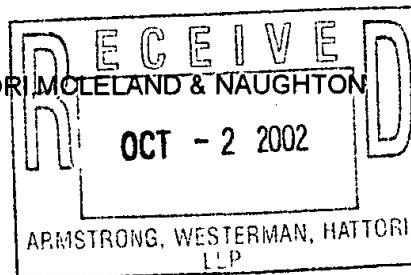


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